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1. Parts for the Czechoslovak SVIT jet plane are to be produced at the Letov factory from 1 Jan 54 on.
2. The production of these parts is under the direction of Engineer Rudolf Kofron, who has spent two years at Kulbyshev in Russia, where the most recent Soviet jet planes are in line production. Engineer Kofron brought back with him Gerhardt Kundte, a German airplane designer who worked for the Luftwaffe for a long time and became a prisoner. Kundte has rendered important services to the Communists.
3. He helped the Soviet constructor Klimov in experiments with the new heavy jet bomber which was tested at Tomsk in 1953 and gave complete satisfaction.

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